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SUBJECT: MAURITIUS DISASTER RELIEF SITREP #1.

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1. REF B TRANSMITTED GOM REQUEST FOR SPECIFIC ITEMS OF ASSISTANCE.
REF C TRANSMITTED GOM REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FROM ADDITIONAL US
NAVY SHIPS. REF D TRANSMITTED LATEST GOM INFORMATION ON SITUATION
AT PLAISANCE AIRPORT. USS CAMDEN HAS ALSO SUBMITTED SITREPS THROUGH
NAVY CHANNELS ON ASSISTANCE BEING PERFORMED BY NAVY.

2. BEGINNING FEBRUARY 8 USS CAMDEN, WORKING IN CLOSE COORDINATION
WITH EMBASSY AND GOM, HAS PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING RELIEF ASSISTANCE:

A.) HELO LIFT OF ELECTRONICS TEAM TO PLAISANCE AIRPORT TO REPAIR
DAMAGED COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AND NAVIGATIONAL AIDS. NAVY TEAM
WORKED IN COOPERATION WITH HMS MAURITIUS TECHNICAL TEAM ON PROJECT.

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B.) HELO HAS FLOWN MAURITIAN ELECTRICITY TECHNICIANS ON AERIAL SURVEY OF DOWNED ELECTRICITY LINES THROUGHOUT ISLAND.

C.) HELO FEASIBILITY STUDY FEBRUARY 9 FOR LIFTING LENGTHS OF 24" WATER MAIN FOR CITY OF PORT LOUIS TO BREAK IN A DEEP CANYON. FEBRUARY 10 HELICOPTER TEAM UNDERTOOK TO CARRY THE PIPES, WEIGHTING ABOUT ONE TON EACH, TO THE REMOTE AREA.

D.) REPAIR TEAM FROM SHIP BEGAN WORK ON HOSPITAL ROOF FEBRUARY 9 AND CONTINUED ON FEBRUARY 10.

3.) DEMOLITION TEAM HAS BEEN WORKING WITH GOM SPECIAL MOBILE FORCES SINCE FEBRUARY 8 IN CLEARING LARGE TREES AND OTHER DEBRIS FROM ROAD NETWORK THROUGHOUT ISLAND.

F.) 120-MAN WORKING PARTY FROM USS CAMDEN IS ASSISTING GOM TEAMS TO SET UP TELEPHONE POLES ON KEY TRUNK LINES TOPPLED DURING STORM.

G.) HELO TRANSPORTED A NAVY TEAM TO DETERMINE FEASIBILITY OF USING HELICOPTER TO RE-ERECT POLICE RADIO ANTENNA IN REMOTE AREA. FEBRUARY 10 TEAM MOVING CONCRETE TO AREA OF ANTENNA BUT DECIDED THAT ACTUAL REPAIR TO ANTENNA BE BEST ACCOMPLISHED BY LAND PARTY.

H.) SHIP TELECOMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIANS INTEGRATED WITH LOCAL MAINTENANCE TEAMS MAKING HOUSE-TO-HOUSE TELEPHONE REPAIRS.

I.) 40 BLOOD DONORS MADE DONATIONS TO 3 HOSPITALS, ONE IN PORT LOUIS, ONE IN THE NORTH AND ONE IN CENTRAL MAURITIUS, AND AN ADDITIONAL 40 WILL DONATE BLOOD FEBRUARY 11.

J.) ON FEBRUARY 10 DELIVERED 500 LBS. FRESH BREAD AND POWDERED MILK TO MAKE 8,000 GALLONS TO GOM TO DISTRIBUTE TO REFUGEE CAMPS, DAMAGED ORPHANAGES AND HOMES FOR THE AGED.

3. EMBASSY HAS OBTAINED SERVICES OF PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER TO RECORD RELIEF EFFORTS.

4. EMBASSY HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH UNDP REPRESENTATIVE FOR POSSIBLE COORDINATED RELIEF EFFORT BUT WILL WAIT FOR ARRIVAL OF OFFICER BEAUCHAMBE FEBRUARY 11 WHEN SITUATION MORE CLEAR BEFORE MAKING ANY RECOMMENDATIONS. SO FAR, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, NO OTHER UNCLASSIFIED

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DONORS HAVE YET BEGUN RELIEF OPERATIONS, ALTHOUGH AIRCRAFT CARRIER CLEMENCEAU ARRIVED PORT LOUIS MIDDAY AND WE UNDERSTAND THEY NOW CONSULTING WITH GOM ABOUT POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE,

5. WE PLAN TO CONTINUE USE NAVY TECHNICAL EXPERTISE TO RESPOND TO DIRECT REQUEST FOR SPECIFIC ASSISTANCE NOW COMING TO US FROM GOM.
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